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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR NAMES NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. DR. SIDNEY MAZZINI, AN ATTORNEY AND A SOMETIME NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST NOTED FOR HIS RIGHTIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS, HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE GOES AS THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS. END SUMMARY.

1. MAZZINI WAS BORN ON MAY 4, 1920. HE IS AN ATTORNEY (WITH A CHILEAN LAW DEGREE), AND HAS BEEN A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR OF COLUMNS FOR THE EL DIARIO DE HOY. IN THE LATE FIFTIES HE BECAME, AND WAS FOR A TIME, A DEPUTY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SONSONATE AND WAS ELECTED AS FIRST SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER, 1959. IN THE ASSEMBLY HE WAS KNOWN AS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION AND WAS THE MEMBER OF A FIVE-MAN DELEGATION OF SALVADORAN DEPUTIES WHICH, ALONG WITH SIMILAR DELEGATIONS FROM THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MET IN SAN SALVADOR IN DECEMBER, 1958 TO DISCUSS THE CALLING OF A CENTRAL AMERICAN CONGRESS OF CONGRESSES.

2. IN COMESTCI POLITICAL LIFE, HE HAS BEEN KNOWN AS A HARDLINER, PUBLICLY OPPOSING THE CREATION OF UNIONS FOR RURAL WORKERS AND BECOMING A WRITER OF ANTI-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNIST POLEMICS. HE WAS AN ATTORNEY FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD UNTIL 1976. HE HAS WRITTEN FOR THE EL DIARIO DE HOY ON AND OFF DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS. SINCE AUGUST 1976, HE HAS BEEN A GHOST WRITER FOR THE RIGHTIST FRENTE AGROPECUARIO REGIONAL ORGANIZADO (FARO), ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS ATTACKS ON THE CHURCH. IN JUNE, 1957 HE WAS ELECTED

TO THE DIRECTORATE OF THE NOW-DEFUNCTY SALVADORAN POPULAR PARTY (PPS). HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF ONE OF THE NEWSPAPER ADS THAT APPEARED RECENTLY CONDEMNING THE ASSASSINATION OF RAUL MOLINA CANAS (SEE SAN SALVADOR 5351). OTHERWISE, EXCEPT FOR HIS COLUMNS IN EL DIARIO DE HOY (IN ONE OF WHICH IN MARCH 1977 HE SEVERELY CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES), HE APPEARED TO HAVE LARGELY DROPPED OUT OF PUBLIC LIFE.

3. MAZZINI LIVES IN SANTA ANA AND UP TO THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT WAS WORKING AS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HIS WIFE, DAA, IS A CHILEAN. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE INSTITUTO SALVADORENO DE ESTUDIOS ECONOMICOS (ISECE), THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

4. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AFTER HIS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY ON JANUARY 5, MAZZINI SAID THAT ONE OF HIS TASKS WOULD BE TO CREATE QUOTE A POSITIVE IMAGE OF WHAT IS THE REAL NATURE OF OUR REPUBLICS A NATION OF WORK, HOSPITALITY, PEACE, ORDER AND OF GUARANTEES FOR PEOPLE AND THEIR PROPERTY, FOR INVESTMENT AND INVESTORS, AND FOR TOURISM; IN SHORT A NATION OF PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT UNQUOTE. HE STATED THAT THE OAS MUST FIGHT FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME QUOTE IT MUST RESPECT HUMAN OBLIGATIONS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH

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A FAIR BALANCE AMONG THOSE RIGHTS UNQUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. THE PRIOR EL SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, DR. FRANCISCO BERTRAND GALINDO, ALSO SERVED AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS. THE SEPARATION OF THE TWO JOBS AND MAZZINI'S APPOINTMENT CONFIRM PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INDICATIONS THAT GOES WISHES TO SEPARATE WHITE HOUSE AND OAS RELATIONSHIPS (SEE 77 SAN SALVADOR 4164).

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